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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/763,035	Applicant(s) LOGAN ET AL.	
	Examiner Cassandra Davis	Art Unit 3611	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7,9,10,16,19 and 22 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 18 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,14,15,17,21 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Election/Restrictions***

1. Claims 7, 9, 10, 18, 19, and 22 have been withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on October 24, 2005.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-6, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Johnstone, U. S. Patent 5,272,605. Johnstone teaches a mounting device for an exit sign comprising a canopy element 18 that covers the junction box 36 upon connection of the mounting device to the junction box 36 and a connector 20 that connects to

the electrical fixture/exit sign 10 and is disposed between the canopy element 18 and the junction box 36. Johnstone also teaches a universal mounting plate 20 integrally formed with the connector that connects to the junction box 36.

4. With respect to claim 2, Johnstone teaches the electrical fixture is an exit sign 10.

5. With respect to claim 3, Johnstone teaches the universal mounting plate 20 includes a plurality of apertures (not labeled, see figure 5) patterned to correspond to apertures in the junction box 36.

6. With respect to claims 4-6, Johnstone also teaches a fastener 43 that extends through at least one of the plurality of apertures in the universal mounting plate 20 and a corresponding aperture in the junction box. See figure 6.

7. With respect to claim 14, Johnstone teaches the junction box mounted flush with the wall 38. See figure 2.

8. With respect to claim 15, Johnstone teaches the junction box mounted within the wall 38. See figure 6.

9. With respect to claims 17 and 25, Johnstone teaches the fasteners 43 are received within at least one of a plurality of apertures of the

universal mounting plate 20 and joinable to the junction box such that the fasteners connects the mounting device to the junction box without engaging or passing through the canopy element. See figure 6.

***Allowable Subject Matter***


10. Claims 8, 11-13, 20, 23, and 24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

11. Claim 18 is allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cassandra Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-6642. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on 571-272-6651. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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